



## Archaeology News

- *from the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA), office of the Indiana State Archaeologist*
- **Indiana Archaeology Month follow-up-** The follow-up forms have been sent to those who hosted events during this year's Indiana Archaeology Month in September. So far, 14 hosts have responded, and they report that over 8,400 people attended those events. Once we get the rest of the host follow-up forms, the number will undoubtedly grow! Excellent suggestions have come in, the feedback is good, and the attendance numbers continue to grow each year. Below are some of the pictures from various events held during Archaeology Month, September 2004.



DHPA archaeologist Jim Mohow (left) talking with members of the public at an Archaeology Month event hosted by the Dearborn County Historical Society.



Trying out an atlatl (spearthrower) at Mounds State Park, Anderson.



Learning about the science at Archaeology Day at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

The DNR-Division of Forestry hosted its first Project Learning Tree (PLT) Workshop on archaeology on September 25, 2004 at the Indiana Forestry Education Foundation's McElroy Wood in Greene County, Indiana. Individuals participated in the all day workshop that focused on learning about Indiana's past and recognizing the need for preservation of cultural resources. The workshop was geared to educators, teachers, group leaders, and others involved in education. Facilitators Donna Rogler and Alicia Ariens (center of photo facing camera), with help from Pete Halstead, presented the participants with information pertaining to the historic and prehistoric cultures of Indiana and activities that they can take back and share with their classrooms and groups. Participants also visited historic sites on the property and were given the chance to address questions that archaeologists often face, including how to protect these endangered and disappearing cultural resources.





Hovey Lake project research assistant Chad Thomas shows uncovered artifacts and features to visitors. This archaeological project in Posey County reaches many, many people each year.

- **DHPA archaeology outreach-** State Archaeologist Dr. Rick Jones and Senior Archaeologist Jim Mohow recently were invited to reach different audiences in Indiana regarding archaeology in our state. In November, Dr. Jones presented a Brown Bag Lecture on Archaeology in Indiana at the IUPUI Archaeology Lab in Indianapolis. The lecture was sponsored by the IUPUI Anthropology Club, and Dr. Jones enjoyed the presentation and connecting with college students and others interested in archaeology. On Tuesday, October 26th, Jim Mohow gave a three hour presentation to the Indiana Master Naturalist's Workshop, at the Lilly Environmental Center in West Lafayette, Indiana. The presentation focused on a wide range of topics related to archaeology in, and the prehistory of, Indiana. In addition to discussing samples of stone and ceramic artifacts from the DHPA reference collection, Mr. Mohow also identified artifacts brought to the presentation by members of the audience.
- **Archaeology Grants-** Members of the DHPA archaeological staff are in the process of reviewing the archaeological grant proposals which were submitted for consideration during this Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant fund round. Ten grant proposals, with diverse archaeological topics and goals, were received from various organizations and universities. Once the DHPA staff members have reviewed the proposals, the recommendations will be presented to the Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board for formal funding consideration on January 26th.
- **Indiana archaeology information goes to Rome-** DHPA Director Jon C. Smith recently attended the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property's (ICCROM) "Sharing Conservation Decisions Course" in Rome, Italy. He took with him information on our Division's archaeology outreach, and many other programs, and he reports that the participants and staff of ICCROM were very interested in archaeology in our state and Hoosier preservation issues and programs as a whole.

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